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Adventures to Go... **carefree travel for ages 50 plus**

February 2010 Newsletter

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Trip descriptions are listed on the following pages.

Register early! Trips fill quickly.

All trips are open to Santa Clara Residents and Non-Residents.

***Let's Talk Travel!* at the Santa Clara Senior Center** **Fourth Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.**

Be one of the first to learn about newly released trips, and receive the latest *Adventures to Go* newsletter that contains details about all our upcoming trips for seniors. Share ideas and interact with others who love to travel. Enjoy presentations by tour specialists and staff. Open to residents and non-residents. Directly after Let's Talk Travel, Santa Clara residents can register for new trips. Non-residents can register the following Monday.

Trip Availability: All trips are open to Santa Clara residents and non-residents, ages 50 plus. Priority registration is given to residents for new trips released after *Let's Talk Travel* on the fourth Wednesday of the month; non-residents can register on the following Monday. Register early! Trips fill quickly! Wait lists are created once trips fill; those on the wait list are called as spaces become available. Trips not reaching the minimum enrollment required will be canceled.

Senior Center Registration Form: Travelers are required to complete a new registration form and liability release each calendar year. Forms must be completed and submitted to the Senior Center office prior to participation in the travel program.

Trip Attendance: Only those officially registered for a trip may attend. Participant substitutions are not allowed at time of check-in on day of trip. All travelers must register in advance at the Santa Clara Senior Center and have a current registration form on file.

Refund Policy:

- **Day/Extended Trips** – Please choose wisely; refunds will ONLY be given when a replacement can be found from the Senior Center trip wait list. No cancellation fees are charged.
- **Extended Trips through agencies** – Tour Agencies have different refund policies for each trip. Please refer to trip flyer for cancellation policy details. If a refund is permitted you must submit a request to the tour agency by the cancellation date noted under their "Cancellation Policy."
- **Travel Insurance** – The Santa Clara Senior Center recommends you consider travel insurance for your trips. Check online at: <http://www.insuremytrip.com/> or go to a AAA Travel office.

Trip Substitutions: Trip itineraries may be modified due to unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be made to replace the location and/or activity with one that is similar. Refunds are not guaranteed should there be a change in itinerary.

Trip Activity Levels/Special Needs: Activity levels listed are offered as a guideline. Trips may include extended periods of walking and/or standing and stairs, or multiple times off and on the motor coach. Travelers with accessibility concerns, special needs, or questions should call the Senior Center office, (408) 615-3170.

Trip Pick-Up/Drop-Off Area: Old Police Station at City Hall, 1541 Civic Center Drive, Santa Clara. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before trip departure for check-in. Motor coach will leave promptly at time specified. Driver gratuity is included in price of tour.

Trip availability can change from day to day. Contact the Senior Center office for more information, (408) 615-3170.

Blackhawk Museum Wed., February 3
\$32 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – periods of sitting and walking

Join us for a docent tour of the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. You will see over 90 of the finest cars, many of which are on loan from car collectors around the world. These rare beauties can be divided into 4 categories of cars: Horseless Carriage, Antique, Classic, and Special Interest. This museum was established to ensure that significant automotive treasures blending art, technology, culture, and history would be exhibited for public enjoyment and educational enrichment. The museum is located at the end of Blackhawk Plaza, where you can take a walk through the beautiful grounds, browse among an assortment of boutiques, galleries, and shops, or enjoy a no-host lunch at one of the many fine restaurants. *Bus leaves promptly at 9:15 AM and will return at approximately 3:00 PM.*

Fiddler on the Roof Wed., February 10

\$92 per person

Activity level: LOW – small amount of walking

See Harvey Fierstein as the iconic milkman, Tevye, in this critically acclaimed Broadway Production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Golden Gate Theatre. Audiences have the rare opportunity to see this Tony Award-winning actor in one of his favorite roles. A hit since it first opened in 1964, *Fiddler on the Roof* has enjoyed critical acclaim for bringing to the stage the poignant story about the enduring bonds of the family. This Tony Award-winning musical has captured the hearts of people all over the world with its universal message. Sit back and enjoy theatre at its best from Orchestra seating. *Bus leaves promptly at 12:00 PM and will return at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Cirque du Soleil OVO Fri., February 12

\$88 per person

Activity level: LOW – small amount of walking

Enjoy this Cirque Du Soleil production from center-stage seats under the Grand Chapiteau in San Jose. OVO™ is a headlong rush into a colorful ecosystem teeming with life, where insects work, eat, crawl, flutter, play, fight, and look for love in a non-stop riot of energy and movement. The insects' home is a world of biodiversity and beauty filled with noisy action and moments of quiet emotion. Join us for a show not to be missed. *Bus leaves promptly at 3:00 PM and will return at approximately 7:30 PM.*

Palm Springs Getaway Tues.-Fri., February 16-19

\$624 double / \$814 single

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – long drive; periods of walking and standing; high elevation on the Rotating Tram

Hop on board a luxury motor coach and join us for a getaway to beautiful Palm Springs, where the sun shines bright and the winter temperatures are mild. Spend 3 nights at the Spa-Casino Resort in downtown Palm Springs, where you will receive a voucher for a buffet dinner on the first night and a buffet breakfast each morning. Enjoy free time to explore the area and gamble too. Day 2 takes you to the Historic Plaza Theatre, where you will have premium seating for an afternoon performance of the Palm Springs Follies, featuring special guest and master vocalist Rita Coolidge. Complete the night with a hosted dinner group dinner and time on your own. Day 3 begins with a ride on the Rotating Tram, one of the most scenic places in the United States with an elevation of 8512 feet. At the top, a hosted lunch awaits you with views for hundreds of miles. Next it's off to the Old Hollywood District, where a guide will show you over 30 celebrity homes that made Palm Springs famous. Learn about wind energy and other non-polluting sources on the Windmill Tour. Complete your day at the Famous Palm Springs Village Fest – there's art, craft and food booths, and free entertainment – something for everyone. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many fine restaurants located in this area. Day 4 takes you to the Living Desert for a narrated Tram Tour, a visit to the Butterfly exhibit and Wildlife Wonders show, and a hosted lunch. On our way home, stop at Harris Ranch for a hosted dinner. *A detailed Menu Selections list and brochures with prices, trip details and itinerary are available at the Senior Center. Bus leaves promptly at 8:00 AM and will return at approximately 10:00 PM.*

Black Oak Casino Thurs., February 25

\$35 per person

Activity level: LOW – small amount of walking

Black Oak Casino is located in Tuolumne and is operated by the Me-Wuk Indians. The casino offers a variety of slots and table games. Upon arrival you will receive a bonus of \$10 cash and a \$5 food credit. You will be on your own for 4 hours to enjoy the casino and have lunch. Remember to bring your Players Club card to increase your bonuses and a Govt. issued photo ID. Refund packages are subject to change without notice. *Bus leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and will return at approximately 6:30 PM.*

History Undressed Friday, March 5

\$72 per person

Activity level: LOW – small amount of walking

Learn about the history of clothing as Lady Carolyn weaves her way through the years using historic garments that bring history to life on a personal level. Her love of history and award winning costumes, many of which she made herself, has enabled her to combine her two loves into live, 3-D entertainment and informative story telling. As a clothing historian, educator, and collector, Lady Carolyn's Clothes Closet has it all! Before the presentation, enjoy a hosted lunch at the Willow Heights Mansion, a beautiful property in Morgan Hill that offers panoramic views of the valley. Your meal will include salad, chicken entrée with vegetables, dessert, and coffee or tea. *Bus leaves promptly at 11:00 AM and will return at approximately 3:30 PM.*

Singing in the Rain Saturday, March 20

\$115 per person

Activity level: LOW – small amount of walking

Join us for a hosted lunch at the Bing Crosby Restaurant and Piano Lounge in Walnut Creek, offering a blend of contemporary and vintage flavors and a first class experience that rekindles a bygone era. Lunch includes Soup of the Day and choice of Pan Roasted Sea Bass, Scampi with Angel Hair Pasta and Spinach Jumbo Prawns, Chicken Chasseur, or Grilled Flank Steak Salad. Enjoy Vanilla Crème Brulee for dessert and coffee service. Take in the amazing ambience of this restaurant then see the authentic collection of Crosby Family treasures including the Oscar won for *Going My Way*. From there, we will travel to the Julie Morgan Center for the Arts in Berkeley for a production of *Singing In The Rain*. *Bus leaves promptly at 10:15 AM and will return at approximately 6:00 PM.*

Golden Gate Fields Thursday, March 25

\$64 per person

Activity level: LOW – moderate walking; some stairs; elevator available

Enjoy Thoroughbred horse racing at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. A buffet lunch at the Turf Club will include prime rib, chicken, a variety of salads, fresh fruits and beverage. View the races from your Turf Club seats. Please remember there is a dress code of "Business Casual," meaning no jeans, shorts, tank tops, or flip flops. Men must wear collared shirts. *Bus leaves promptly at 9:45 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.*

Daffodil Hill & Ironstone Vineyards Wednesday, April 7

\$92 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – long drive; periods of walking and standing

Visit Daffodil Hill in Sutter Creek to take in over 100,000 bulbs in full bloom. From there we will visit Ironstone Vineyards, in Murphys, for a guided tour of the aging wine caverns, the gardens where the tulips will be in full bloom, Lakeside Park, culinary exhibits, amphitheater, Alhambra Music Room with its Theatre Pipe Organ, Heritage Museum, and jewelry shop. The visit to the winery will include wine tasting of several wonderful varietals, each paired with a specially prepared canapé, followed by a private group luncheon. Lunch consists of a salad, Calavaras Obsession Chicken, a vegetable and starch, beverage, and Chef's choice for dessert. *Bus leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Day in Monterey Thursday, April 15

\$34 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – long periods of sitting, walking, and standing.

Take care of those taxes early and let's go "play" in Monterey. We will drop you off near the Monterey Bay Aquarium and give you 5 hours to do what you please. Whether it be visiting the Aquarium, enjoying a leisurely lunch, or looking for bargains at the shops in the area, you will surely have a great time. Visit to the Aquarium and lunch are not included in price. *Bus leaves promptly at 8:00 AM. and returns at approximately 5:00 PM*

Frasinetti Winery & the “Rat Pack” Tuesday, April 20

\$110 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – long drive; periods of walking and standing

We're off to Frasinetti Winery, Sacramento's oldest family owned and operated winery established in 1897. Enjoy a tour of the winery and a tasting. Partake in a delicious meal that includes entrée, bread, seasonal vegetable, Spumoni ice cream dessert, and choice of iced tea, soda, tea, or coffee. Entrée selections include: Filet of Sole Almondine, Lasagna Classico with family meat sauce, Sauteed Chicken Breast with garlic, mushrooms, marsala, and artichoke hearts. Sit back and enjoy a performance by the Dean-O-Holics who will sing “Rat Pack” songs you know and love. *Bus leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.*

Cache Creek Casino Thurs., April 29

\$38 per person

Activity level: LOW – small amount of walking

Try your luck at Cache Creek Indian Casino in the City of Brooks. You'll have 4 hours at the casino and receive bonuses of \$10 match play and \$5 food credit. Remember to bring your Cache Club membership card for added bonuses and a Govt. issued photo ID in order to collect and receive any bonuses or winnings. (Refund packages are subject to change without notice). *Bus leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Alaska Cruise Wed.-Sat., July 21-31

Prices starting at \$1765 per person. See tour flyer for details.

Activity level: LOW/MEDIUM/HIGH – periods of sitting and walking with possible hiking on optional excursions.

Cruise roundtrip from San Francisco aboard Princess Cruises *Sea Princess*. This 10-day voyage includes stops in Victoria, British Columbia and three ports in Alaska: Juneau, Haines, and Ketchikan. Enjoy a day of scenic cruising through Glacier Bay National Park to view the glaciers. Passport required. Price includes transfers to and from San Francisco, meals and entertainment onboard ship, departure and porter gratuities, luggage handling of one suitcase per person, and pre-trip orientation. Choose from Inside, Oceanview, and Balcony cabins; prices vary. *Brochures with price information, trip details, and itinerary are available at the Senior Center office.*

Oberammergau Wed.-Sat., September 1-11

\$4335 double, per person

Oberammergau Presentation – Wed., January 13, 12:30 p.m., at the Senior Center.

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – long periods of walking and standing; some stairs

Visit the quaint village of Oberammergau, world famous for it's spectacular Passion Play performed by the locals just once a decade. Tour includes roundtrip air fare, 3 nights in Munich, 2 nights in Salzburg, 2 nights in Oberammergau, tour guide, and 14 meals. *Brochures with price information, trip details and itinerary are available at the Senior Center office.*

OH! THE PLACES WE WILL VISIT IN 2010!

Disney Museum & Presidio – May 14

Trip will be released after Let's Talk Travel on February 24.

Russian River – May 16-18

Place your name on the Interested List at the Senior Center and we will call you when trip details are finalized and you can register.

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